



Pedestrian safety has become a major concern in recent years as the number of collisions continue to rise. The following information points out factors that are causing unsafe pedestrian environments, statistics on pedestrian collisions and fatalities, and solutions in achieving a more walkable community.

Unsafe Pedestrian Environments are caused by but not limited to:²


- ## Rules of the Road:

- Vehicles must stop if a pedestrian is in their half of the roadway.
- Vehicles must stop if a pedestrian is within one lane of their half of the roadway
- Pedestrians have the legal right-of-way at all intersections whether marked or unmarked





"Foot Notes"³

- 39% of all trips of less than 1/2 mile are made on foot.
 - Only one out of every five trips is work related.
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Solutions for a more walkable community:³

SAFETY - People will only walk if they feel they can make the trip safely. This means:

- Motorists respect the rights of pedestrians.
- Speeding and alcohol laws are strictly enforced.
- Pedestrians understand what the risks are and how to avoid them.

ACCESSIBILITY - People will walk only if they can get to where they want to go on foot. This means:

- Traffic signals allow enough time for everyone to cross.
- A complete side walk system is available.
- Intersections that people can cross easily.
- Curb ramps for those with disabilities.
- Shops and businesses located within easy walking distance.

Safe Walking Tips:

- Wear light colored reflective clothing
- Cross at marked, well lit intersections
- Walk Facing Traffic
- Stop Look Left- Right- Left before crossing

Check out WSDOT's Pedestrian Website:
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/hlrd/>

Sources

¹ WSDOT Pedestrian Collision Data

² WQI Pedestrian Safety Team Recommendations

³ Walkable Communities" by the Federal Highway Administration



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